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SETTING UP OF SEED AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had decided to set up a 'Seed Authority' to check circulation of spurious seeds in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Seed Authority has since been formed and has taken action against firms manufacturing spurious seeds;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether laboratories have been set up at various places to check genuineness of seeds; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) No, Sir. However, the Seeds Act, 1966 provides a legislative framework for regulation of quality of seeds sold in the country. The responsibility of Seed Law enforcement is vested in the State Governments. Accordingly, State Governments/UT Administrations have notified Seed Inspectors to regulate the quality of seeds by way of drawing the samples and getting it tested, thereby checking circulation of spurious seeds in the country.

(b) & (c) Question does not arise.

(d) & (e) Yes, Sir. State Seeds testing Laboratories have been notified under Section 4(2) of the Seeds Act, 1966 to check genuineness of seeds. Details may be seen at Annexure-I.